

# A Taxonomic Study of the Larvae of the Genus *Chrysomela* Linnaeus (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Chrysomelinae) from Korea

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## ABSTRACT

Last instar larvae of *Chrysomela cuprea* Fabricius, 1775 and *C. tremula* Fabricius, 1787 are described in detail for the first time. A key to known larvae of Korean *Chrysomela*, their illustrations and host plants are also given.

**Key words:** Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae, *Chrysomela*, larva, taxonomy, Korea

## INTRODUCTION

The genus *Chrysomela* Linnaeus, 1758, containing approximately thirty species of three subgenera, is distributed over all the zoogeographical regions except for Australian and Neotropical regions (Gressitt and Kimoto, 1963; Seeno and Wilcox, 1982; Gruev, 1994; Arnett et al., 2002; Warchalowski, 2003; Lopatin et al., 2004). Seven species were recorded in Korea (Lee and An, 2001), but we were unable to find and examine *Chrysomela cyaneoviridis* Gruev, 1994, *C. lapponica* Linnaeus, 1758 and *C. salicivora* (Fairmaire, 1888) in South Korea.

Both larvae and adults of the genus *Chrysomela* are known as forest pests, feeding on the foliage of *Salix* and *Populus*. Host plants of four Korean species were reported by Lee and Cho (2006), and the immature stages and life history of *C. populi* Linnaeus, 1758 and *C. vigintipunctata* (Scopoli, 1763) were well studied by Kimoto (1962a, b), Kimoto and Takizawa (1994), Lee (1996) and Lee and Chung (1997). However, the larvae of *C. cuprea* and *C. tremula* have not been thoroughly described, except for the key and brief illustration provided by Medvedev and Zaitsev (1978).

In the present paper, detailed descriptions and illustrations of the larvae of *C. cuprea* and *C. tremula* are provided for the first time in Korea. Also, a key to known larvae of Korean *Chrysomela* is given.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials used in the present study were obtained by rear-

ing adults in the laboratory. The larvae were preserved in 70% ethyl alcohol, cleared in 10% KOH solution for 30 minutes, rinsed in water, and dissected under a stereoscopic microscope (SZX12; Olympus, Japan). For morphological study of the minute structure, the parts were mounted on slides and observed through a compound microscope (SZ4045; Olympus). Slide mounting procedures were carried out according to LeSage (1984), the terminology follows Anderson (1947) and Kimoto (1962a). Abbreviations of L, S and M in parentheses stand for long, short and micro seta, respectively. The materials used in this study are deposited in the Insect Collection of Andong National University.

## SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNTS

Family Chrysomelidae Latreille, 1802

Subfamily Chrysomelinae Latreille, 1802

Genus *Chrysomela* Linnaeus, 1758

**Diagnosis.** Body large, length 10-17 mm in full grown larvae. Mandible five-toothed, with two setae. Defensive glands present on tubercle DL of meso- and metathorax and abdominal segments I-VII. Tubercles distinct, D-DL-Epa and EPp type on prothorax, D and DL type on meso- and metathorax and abdomen. ad1 absent. Tubercle D of abdominal segment VI fused, or rarely separated. All tubercles pigmented except for a part of prothoracic D-DL-Epa. Tarsus strongly curved with pointed tip, enlarged basally, with a seta.

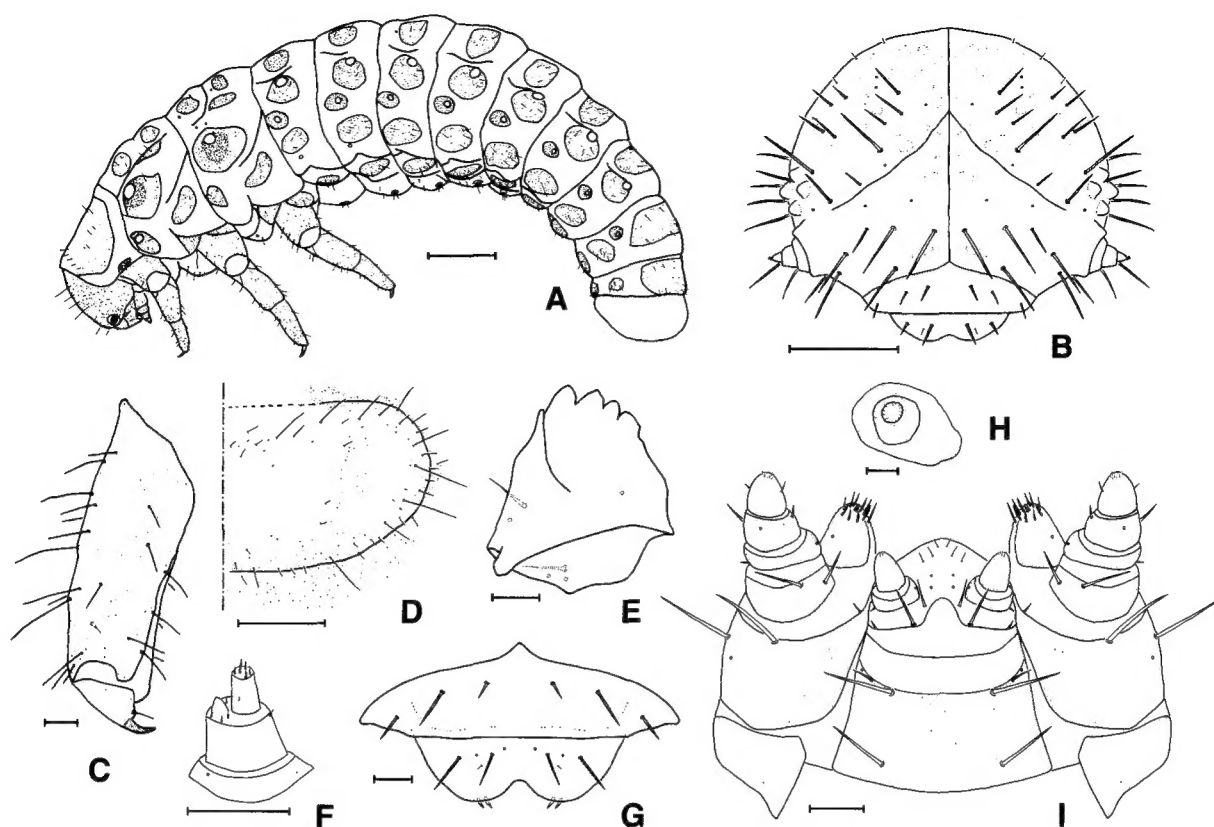
### Key to known larvae of Korean *Chrysomela*

1. Tubercle D of abdominal segment VI separated ..... *C. vigintipunctata*

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**Fig. 1.** *Chrysomela cuprea* Fabricius. A, Last instar larva (l.v.); B, Head (d.v.); C, Tibia (d.v.); D, Pronotum (d.v.); E, Mandible (b.v.); F, Antenna (d.v.); G, Clypeus and labrum (d.v.); H, Spiracle (d.v.); I, Lower mouth parts (v.v.). b.v.: buccal view; d.v.: dorsal view; l.v.: lateral view. Scale bars=1.0 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, D), 0.1 mm (C, E-I).

- Tubercle D of abdominal segment VI fused ..... 2
- 2. Median region of prothoracic D-DL-Epa unpigmented ..... *C. tremula*
- Antero-median region of prothoracic D-DL-Epa unpigmented ..... 3
- 3. Sternal region of meso- and metathorax with four to nine secondary tubercles ..... *C. cuprea*
- Sternal region of meso- and metathorax with or without one secondary tubercle ..... *C. populi*

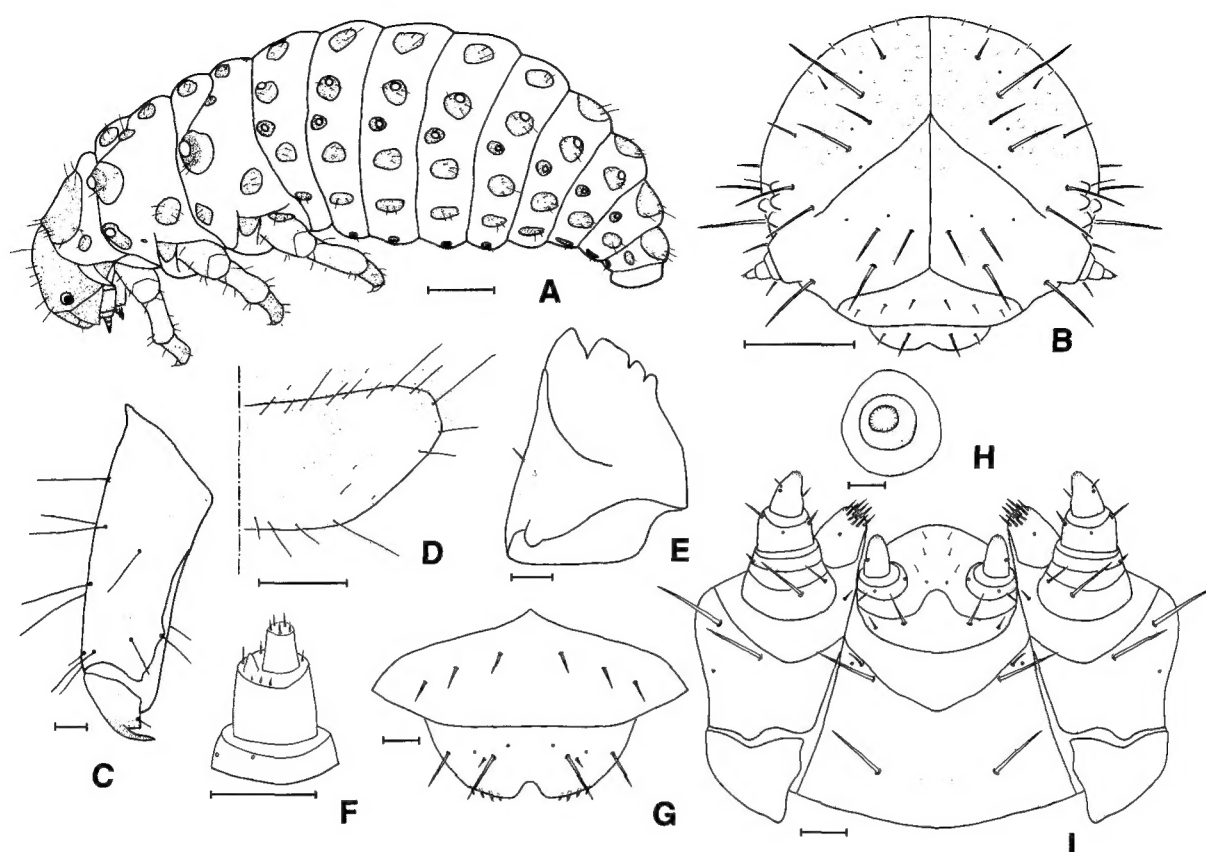
***Chrysomela cuprea* Fabricius, 1775 (Figs. 1A-I, 3A)**

**Material examined.** 7 exs., Odae Mt., Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do, 14 May 2005 (H.W. Cho); 3 exs., Odae Mt., Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do, 31 May 2006 (H.W. Cho).  
**Last instar larva.** Body length 11.7 mm, width 3.4 mm, head width 1.5 mm (n=4). Body yellowish white, head blackish brown and legs dark brown to brown. Tubercles on dorsal surface blackish brown except for antero-median region of prothoracic D-DL-Epa, on ventral surface pale brown and rather weak. Chitinous platelets on dorsal surface nearly

absent, on ventral surface weak. Defensive glands present.

Head (Fig. 1B). Epicranium covered with obscure dark spots, with twenty-two pairs of setae. Frons with six pairs of setae. Six stemmata present on each side. Antenna (Fig. 1F) three-segmented. Clypeus (Fig. 1G) with three pairs of setae. Labrum notched at anterior margin, with three pairs of setae; epipharynx with two pairs of setae. Mandible (Fig. 1E) five-toothed, with two setae. Maxillary palp (Fig. 1I) three-segmented; palpifer with two setae; stipes with three setae; cardo without seta; mala (fused galea and lacinia) with twelve setae. Labial palp two-segmented; prementum with six pairs of setae; postmentum with three pairs of setae.

Thorax (Figs. 1D, 3A). Dorsal and epipleural regions of prothorax with two tubercles D-DL-Epa (8-10L, 28-33S) and EPp (1L, 2-5S); pleural region with a tubercle P (2S); sternal region with a primary tubercle ES-SS (1L, 1S) and two to four secondary tubercles. Dorsal region of meso- and metathorax with four tubercles Da (10S, 4-5M), Dpi (5S, 1M), Dpe (1L, 5-7S), DL (1L, 12-15S); epipleural region with two tubercles Epa (6-9S) and EPp (1L, 12-14S); pleural region with a tubercle P (2S); sternal region with two pri-



**Fig. 2.** *Chrysomela tremula* Fabricius. A, Last instar larva (l.v.); B, Head (d.v.); C, Tibia (d.v.); D, Pronotum (d.v.); E, Mandible (b.v.); F, Antenna (d.v.); G, Clypeus and labrum (d.v.); H, Spiracle (d.v.); I, Lower mouth parts (v.v.). b.v.: buccal view; d.v.: dorsal view; l.v.: lateral view. Scale bars=1.0 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, D), 0.1 mm (C, E-I).

mary tubercles SS (1S), ES (1L, 1S) and four to nine secondary tubercles. Mesothoracic spiracles annuliform, located on EPai. Tibia (Fig. 1C) with twenty-four setae; tarsus strongly curved with pointed tip, enlarged basally, with a seta.

Abdomen (Fig. 3A). Dorsal region with two tubercles D (13-14S) and DL (1L, 5-7S); epipleural region with a tubercle EP (1L, 11-12S); pleural region with a tubercle P (1L, 4-5S); sternal region with two primary tubercles PS-SS (2L, 3-6S), ES (1L), two secondary tubercles as1 (1S), as2 (1S). Sixth to seventh segments with tubercle D on both sides fused. Eighth to ninth segments with dorsal and dorso-lateral tubercles fused. Spiracles (Fig. 1H) present on segments I-VIII.

**Diagnosis.** The larva of this species is similar to that of *C. populi*, but can be distinguished by the smaller size, more than thirty setae on prothoracic D-DL-EPa and four to nine secondary tubercles on sternal region of meso- and meta-thorax.

**Distribution.** Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Russia and Europe.

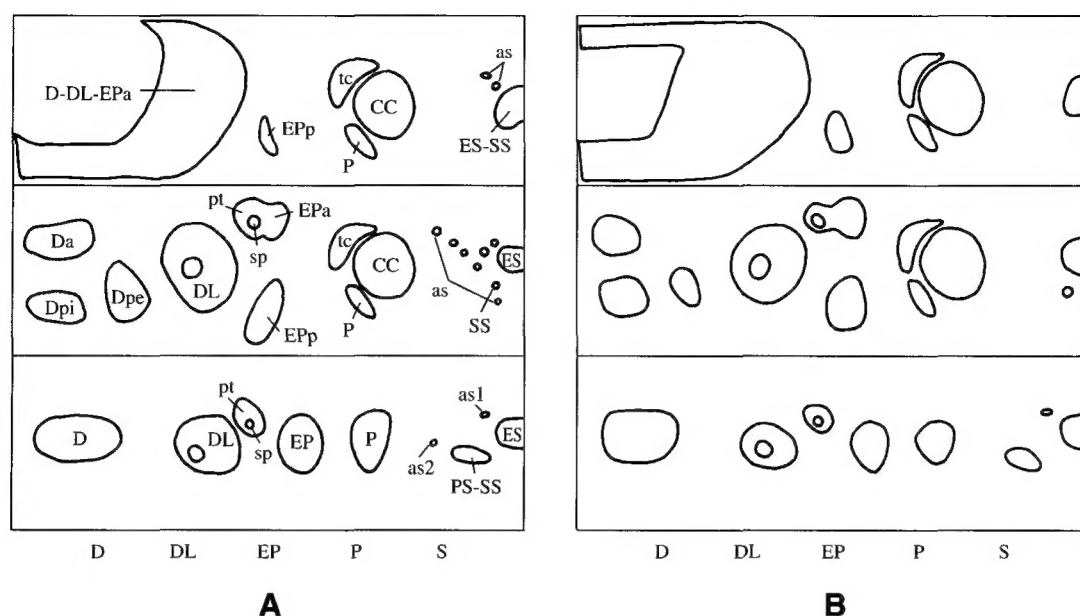
**Host Plants.** *Salix* spp. and *Populus maximowiczii* Henry.

### *Chrysomela tremula* Fabricius, 1787 (Figs. 2A-I, 3B)

**Material examined.** 30 exs., Kangwon National University, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do, 4 Aug 2004 (H.W. Cho); 20 exs., Cheongbok-ri, Yecheon-eup, Yecheon-gun, Gyeong-sangbuk-do, 5 Sep 2006 (H.W. Cho and J.Y. Park).

**Last instar larva.** Body length 11.5 mm, width 3.5 mm, head width 1.6 mm (n=10). Body yellowish white, head blackish brown and legs dark brown to brown. Tubercles on dorsal surface blackish brown except for median region of prothoracic D-DL-EPa, on ventral surface pale brown and rather weak. Chitinous platelets on dorsal surface weak, on ventral surface weak and largely absent. Defensive glands present.

**Head** (Fig. 2B). Epicranium covered with obscure dark spots, with nineteen pairs of setae. Frons with four pairs of setae. Six stemmata present on each side. Antenna (Fig. 2F) three-segmented. Clypeus (Fig. 2G) with three pairs of setae. Labrum notched at anterior margin, with three pairs of setae;



**Fig. 3.** Schematics of larval tubercle pattern. A, *Chrysomela cuprea* Fabricius; B, *Chrysomela tremula* Fabricius.

epipharynx with four pairs of setae. Mandible (Fig. 2E) five-toothed, with two setae. Maxillary palp (Fig. 2I) three-segmented; palpifer with two setae; stipes with three setae; cardo without seta; mala with eleven setae. Labial palp two-segmented; prementum with five pairs of setae; postmentum with three pairs of setae.

Thorax (Figs. 2D, 3B). Dorsal and epipleural regions of prothorax with two tubercles D-DL-EPa (14-18L, 4-8S) and EPp (1L, 2-3S); pleural region with a tubercle P (2S); sternal region with a tubercle ES-SS (2S). Dorsal region of meso- and metathorax with four tubercles Da (2S, 2M), Dpi (2S), Dpe (1L, 2-4S), DL (1L, 3S, 6-8M); epipleural region with two tubercles EPa (1L, 2-3S) and EPp (3L, 2-4S); pleural region with a tubercle P (2S); sternal region with two primary tubercles SS (1S), ES (2L) and one secondary tubercle. Mesothoracic spiracles annuliform, located on EPai. Tibia (Fig. 2C) with twelve setae; tarsus strongly curved with pointed tip, enlarged basally, with a seta.

Abdomen (Fig. 3B). Dorsal region with two tubercles D (1L, 6S, 1M) and DL (1L, 1S); epipleural region with a tubercle EP (1L, 4-5S); pleural region with a tubercle P (1L, 3S); sternal region with two primary tubercles PS-SS (3S), ES (1L), one secondary tubercle as1 (1M). Sixth to seventh segments with tubercle D on both sides fused. Eighth to ninth segments with dorsal and dorso-lateral tubercles fused. Spiracles (Fig. 2H) present on segments I-VIII.

**Diagnosis.** The larva of this species is similar to that of *C. vigintipunctata*, but can be distinguished by the fused tubercle D of abdominal segment VI.

**Distribution.** Korea, Japan, China, Mongolia, Russia and Europe.

**Host Plants.** *Salix* spp., *Populus tomentiglandulosa* T. Lee and *P. deltoides* Marsh.

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